

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Previously Amended) A server comprising:

an interface to a data network;

an interface to a computer telephony resource providing a computer telephony service; and

means for receiving a first request from a client application coupled to the data network, said first request containing an object-oriented, language independent, second request for access to the computer telephony resource.

Claim 2. (Original) the server of claim 1 further comprising

a resource administrator for tracking availability of the resource.

Claim 3. (Original) The server of claim 1 wherein the request includes a parameter needed by the resource, and wherein the interface to the resource includes means for passing the parameter to the resource.

Claim 4. (Original) The server of claim 1 wherein the resource is a text-to-speech server, and wherein the means for receiving an object-oriented, language independent request from the client application includes means for receiving a request for access to the text-to-speech server.

Claim 5. (Original) The server of claim 1 wherein the resource is a speech recognition device, and wherein the means for receiving an object-oriented, language independent request from the client application includes means for receiving a request for access to the speech recognition device.

Claim 6. (Original) The server of claim 1 wherein the resource is a speaker verification device, and wherein the means for receiving an object-oriented, language independent request from the client application includes means for receiving a request for access to the speaker verification device.

Claim 7. (Original). The server of claim 1 wherein the resource is an interactive voice response device, and wherein the means for receiving an object-oriented, language independent request from the client application includes means for receiving a request for access to the interactive voice response device.

Claim 8. (Original). The server of claim 1 wherein the resource is a facsimile device, and wherein the means for receiving an object-oriented, language independent request from the client application includes means for receiving a request for access to the facsimile device.

Claim 9. (Original). The server of claim 1 further comprising
an interface to a telecommunications network,
and wherein the resource provides a telephony service in the telecommunications network.

Claim 10. (Original) The server of claim 9 wherein the resource is a call router, and wherein the means for receiving an object-oriented, language independent request from the client application includes means for receiving a request for access to the call router.

Claim 11. (Original) The server of claim 9 wherein the resource is a signaling system server, and wherein the means for receiving an object-oriented, language independent request from the client application includes means for receiving a request for access to the signaling system server.

Claim 12. (Previously Amended) A method for providing remote services by a server, coupled to a computer telephony resource, comprising:

receiving a first request from a client application, said first request containing an object-oriented, language-independent second request for access to the computer telephony resource; decoding the second request to determine a parameter needed by the computer telephony resource; and passing the parameter to the computer telephony resource.